



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5540***

LCO No. 1707

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE DENTAL CARE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
2       subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-123 of the general statutes, for the  
3       period from April 12, 2008, to April 13, 2008, inclusive, the  
4       Commissioner of Public Health may permit a dentist who holds a  
5       current license in good standing in another state, with standards for  
6       licensure equivalent to or greater than those required in this state, may  
7       provide dental care free of charge to uninsured and low-income  
8       persons as part of the Connecticut Mission of Mercy provided such  
9       dentist: (1) Maintains professional liability insurance or other  
10      indemnity against liability for professional malpractice in amounts  
11      equal to or greater than those required by section 20-126d of the 2008  
12      supplement to the general statutes, (2) does not represent himself or  
13      herself to be a Connecticut licensed dentist, and (3) provides the care  
14      and services on April 12, 2008, or April 13, 2008, as part of the  
15      Connecticut Mission of Mercy to persons who participate in such  
16      charitable event. In accordance with section 20-112a of the general  
17      statutes, such dentist may delegate dental procedures to a dental

18 assistant. The commissioner may adopt such temporary policies and  
19 procedures as the commissioner deems necessary in order to effectuate  
20 the provisions of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow out-of-state dentists to participate and provide charitable dental services as part of the Connecticut Mission of Mercy, an event that provides free dental care to uninsured and low-income individuals.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*